

Calendar No. 219

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**S. 1745**

To expand the availability of resources under the Community Services Block Grant Act for individuals affected by Hurricane Katrina.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2005

Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY) introduced the following bill; which
was read the first time

SEPTEMBER 22, 2005

Read the second time and placed on the calendar

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Community Services
5 Disaster Assistance Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. FUNDING, ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE, AND**
2 **STAFF.**

3 (a) **FUNDING.**—A State that receives a payment or
4 allotment under section 675A or 675B of the Community
5 Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9905, 9906) may
6 use not more than 1 percent of the portion of the payment
7 or allotment that is available for expenditure under section
8 675C(b) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 9907(b)) (including sums
9 available for administrative expenses under paragraph (2)
10 of such section) to transfer funds to Louisiana, Mis-
11 sissippi, or Alabama. A State that receives such funds
12 shall use the funds to make grants, or carry out any activi-
13 ties, described in section 675C of such Act (42 U.S.C.
14 9907).

15 (b) **ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE.**—The Secretary of
16 Health and Human Services may waive the provisions of
17 the Community Services Block Grant Act relating to in-
18 come limitations on eligibility to receive assistance under
19 such Act for any area in which the President has deter-
20 mined that an emergency, or a major disaster, as defined
21 in section 102 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief
22 and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5122), exists,
23 related to Hurricane Katrina, for the purpose of assisting
24 individuals who resided on August 22, 2005 in such an
25 area.

1 (c) STAFF.—An eligible entity (as defined in section
2 673 of the Community Services Block Grant Act (42
3 U.S.C. 9902)) or a State lead agency designated under
4 section 676(a)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 9908(a)(1)) may
5 send an employee of the eligible entity, or State lead agen-
6 cy, who receives compensation provided under the Commu-
7 nity Services Block Grant Act to an area described in sub-
8 section (b) to provide disaster assistance.

9 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

10 It is the sense of Congress that—

11 (1) Federal law permits the Federal Emergency
12 Management Agency to utilize eligible entities to
13 provide emergency assistance under section 676 of
14 the Community Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C.
15 9908); and

16 (2) the Federal Emergency Management Agen-
17 cy should make this emergency assistance available
18 to the eligible entities immediately.

19 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

20 Section 674(a) of the Community Services Block
21 Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9903(a)) is amended by striking
22 “through 2003” and inserting “through 2006”.

23 **SEC. 5. TERMINATION.**

24 The authority provided by this Act (other than sec-
25 tion 4) terminates on August 29, 2006.

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